

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1216
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Children, Families and Health, April 10, 2002, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1216 Do Pass.

Taken up for Perfection April 24, 2002. House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1216 ordered Perfected and printed, as amended.

TED WEDEL, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 21 and 630, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to suicide.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 21 and 630, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 21.755 and 630.900, to read as follows:

21.755. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act".

2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no funds appropriated by the general assembly shall be used to procure, furnish, fund, or support, or compel any individual, institution, or government entity to provide, procure, furnish, fund, or support any item, good, benefit, program, or service to cause or assist in causing the suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of any individual.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to create any limitation relating to:

(1) The withholding or withdrawing of medical treatment or care;

(2) The withholding or withdrawing of nutrition or hydration;

(3) Abortion; or

(4) The use of any item, good, benefit, or service furnished to alleviate pain or discomfort, even if such use may increase the risk of death, so long as such item, good, benefit, or service is not also furnished to cause or assist in causing death for any reason.

630.900. 1. The director of the department of mental health, in collaboration with the departments of social services, health and senior services, elementary and secondary

3 education, higher education, and corrections, shall design, coordinate, and implement a
4 state suicide prevention plan using an evidence-based public health approach focused on
5 suicide prevention.

6 2. The director shall:

7 (1) Promote the use of employee assistance and workplace programs to support
8 employees with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders,
9 and refer them to services. In promoting such programs, the director shall collaborate
10 with employer and professional associations, unions, and safety councils;

11 (2) Promote the use of student assistance and educational programs to support
12 students with depression and other psychiatric illnesses and substance abuse disorders.
13 In promoting such programs, the director shall collaborate with educators, administrators,
14 students and parents with emphasis on identification of the risk factors associated with
15 suicide;

16 (3) Provide training and technical assistance to local public health and other
17 community-based professionals to provide for integrated implementation of best practices
18 for preventing suicides;

19 (4) Coordinate with federal, state, and local agencies to collect, analyze, and
20 annually issue a public report on Missouri-specific data on suicide and suicidal behaviors;
21 and

22 (5) Conduct periodic evaluations of the impact and outcomes from implementation
23 of the state's suicide prevention plan and each of the activities specified in this section. By
24 July 1, 2004, and each July first of even-numbered years thereafter, the director shall
25 report the results of such evaluations to the chairs of the senate aging, families, and mental
26 health committee and the house children, families, and health committee.